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By the Lords Iustices
and Council.

A Proclamation for a day of Humiliation to be

kept and observed on the Thirtyeth day of *January* 1660, being the anniversary
of the Murder of King CHARLES the First of Blessed memory.

Maurice Eustace *Canc.*

Orrery.

Mountrath.



We cannot doubt of the happy condition of Our late dread Sovereign of ever blessed memory CHARLES the first, being assured by the voice of truth it self, that whosoever looseth his life for Christs sake shall find it; In which respect Martyrdom (wherewith he was undoubtedly crowned) hath been justly stiled the baptism of blood, and the anniversary days of the death of the Martyrs have been ever observed by the Church of God, as the birth days of their glory, so as it might seem half a crime to shed a tear for him whose Soul the Lord hath delivered from death, his eyes from tears, and his feet from falling, whom his bloody enemies did advantage more by their malice and cruelty, then they could have done by the pretension of Allegiance and Loyalty, snatching him from the sweet society of his dearest consort, and most hopeful and Royal al I due, and from the Government of all his Kingdoms and People, to place him in the bosom of the blessed Angels and Saints triumphant.

Yet when we consider our own loss to be deprived by a company of traiterous paracides of such a prince, of so eminent and exemplary virtue and piety, with whom our Liberty, our Laws, our Religion had expired, if God in his great mercy had not miraculously restored them by the happy restitution of his Majesty; when we consider the manner of his death, to be murdered by his own Subjects, who had sworn Allegiance to him, in his chief City, before the gates of his own Pallace, in the face of the Sun, in the sight of his good People, who durst not mutter whatsoever they thought, and that under a formality and fained pretence of Justice, after all the indignities and affronts imaginable, had been put upon him; And especially considering the guilt of innocent blood, how it defileth the Land and lyeth heavy upon a whole Nation, being not to be washed away but by the blood of them who shed it, God in his National Judgments oftentimes involving those who are innocent in the eye of man with the nocent, which he may still justly do considering that Our National sins deserved that he should permit that detestable paracide to be committed.

All these things being duly pondered, we the Lords Justices and Council have thought fit to set a part, and do hereby set a part the thirtieth day of this present month of January for a day of solemn fasting and Humiliation of Our Selves before the Lord, at which time all his Majesties Subjects of this Kingdom of Ireland are required by us to meet and assemble themselves at their severall Parish Churches, to joyn with their respective Ministers in publick prayers that God will be graciously pleased to avert his Judgments from this Nation due unto so horrid and bloody a crime, and to discover more and more those who have been the principal Contrivers and Actors in that unparralleld murder, and to establish and radicate his Majesty in the just possession of his Hereditary Crowns and Kingdoms; And lastly to forbear all bodily labour, and all trading, and to shut up their Shops for that day; And we do further require all Ministers and Curates throughout this Kingdom of Ireland either dignitaries, or beneficiaries, or stipendiaries, upon that day, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to assemble their Parishioners, and to read this Proclamation to them, to press into them the detestableness of this barbarous murder, which was so much the more abominable by how much it was endeavoured to be covered under the cloak of Religious piety and Justice; And to exhort their severall Congregations to Loyalty and Obedience, and a perfect detestation of those seditious principles from which so much Treason and Rebellion hath flowed, and doth and will daily flow for the future, unless such dangerous tenets destructive not onely to Piety but to all humane society be purged out of the minds of men, And we hope and do expect that all his Majesties good Subjects as they desire to appear innocent of the guilt of that blood will seriously perform this Our injunction.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Dublin*, the 21. day of *January* 1660.

Io. Armachanus.

Ia. Margetson Elect. *Dublin*.

Michael Boyle, Elect. *Cork, Cloyn, Ross.*

Montgomerie.

Hen. Tichborne.

Rob. Forth.

Ia. Ware.

Rob. Meredith.

Theo. Iones.

Arthur Hill.

GOD SAVE THE KING.